Loan to SC/ST Entreprenures outside Delhi

3013. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amout sanctioned by Government to the NSFDC;

(b) the total amount given/distributed to the SC/ST so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that Delhi SC/ ST Finance corporation have confirmed that the SC/ST entrepreneurs outside the Delhi State cannot be recommended and loan would not be given to them; and

(d) if so, the way these entrepreneurs would get loan?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The Government of India have released an amount of Rs. 5667 crores since inception to the National Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) towards share capital.

(b) Since inception, the NSFDC have disbursed an amount of Rs. 55.05 crores for implementation of Schemes and Rs. 15.78 lakhs as subsidy towards training expenses of SC/ST as on 30th November, 1992.

(c) and (d) After tying up with the National Scheduled Castes Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation in January, 1992, Delhi Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation has started catering to the needs of all the SCs living in Delhi irrespective of the fact whether they are local SCs or migrant SCs. Even the STs who are otherwise not recognised in Delhi are also being considered. Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes entrepreneurs of other States residing outside Delhi may avail of the facility from the Scheduled Castes Development Corporations of their respective States.

Advertisement by Liquor Firms

3014. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban the misuse of advertising by proxy by liquor firms with liquor brand names used for mineral water which are never available in market; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the advertising of liquor by Indian firms on STAR TV and; if so, whether Government would impose a ban on it?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Opium and Heroin Addicts

3015. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian/foreign agency has made a study with regard to the annual growth rate of opium and heroin addicts in the country;

(b) if so, by what percentage the number of opium and heroin addicts rose during 1990-91 and 1992 (till-date);

(c) what are the reasons identified by Government for the rise in the opium and heroin addicts;

(d) the names of the States which account for the maximum number of addicts;

(e) what are the achievements of the various measures taken to check the growth of opium and heroin addiction; and

(f) what strategy is contemplated by Government to check the menace?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (d) No Indian/foreign agency has made a study with regard to the annual growth rate of opium and heroin addicts in the country the percentage of their rise etc.